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For: SILICA-CONTAINING LAMINATED  
STRUCTURE, AND COATING  
COMPOSITION FOR USE IN FORMING A  
POROUS SILICA LAYER

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.